

What is claimed is:

1 1. An electronic couponing method comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3 transferring coupon information to a first portable  
4 terminal and storing same therein;  
5 displaying a representation of the transferred  
6 coupon information on the first portable terminal; and  
7 transferring at least part of the stored coupon  
8 information from the first portable terminal to another  
9 terminal for redemption.

1 2. An electronic couponing method comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3 transferring coupon information to a first portable  
4 terminal and storing same therein;  
5 displaying a representation of the transferred  
6 coupon information on the first portable terminal; and  
7 transferring at least part of the stored coupon  
8 information from the first portable terminal to a second  
9 portable terminal.

1 3. An electronic couponing system comprising:  
2 a first portable terminal having a memory;  
3 a first transfer unit for transferring coupon  
4 information to said first portable terminal, said first  
5 portable terminal storing same in said memory thereof;

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6 a display disposed within said first portable  
7 terminal for displaying a representation of said  
8 transferred coupon information from said first portable  
9 terminal; and  
10 a second transfer unit for transferring at least  
11 part of said stored coupon information to another  
12 terminal for redemption.

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4. An electronic couponing system comprising:  
1 a first portable terminal having a memory;  
2 a first transfer unit for transferring coupon  
3 information to said portable terminal, said portable  
4 terminal storing same in said memory thereof;  
5 a display disposed within said first portable  
6 terminal for displaying a representation of said  
7 transferred coupon information;  
8 a second portable terminal; and  
9 a second transfer unit for transferring at least  
10 part of said stored coupon information from said first  
11 portable terminal to said second portable terminal.  
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1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2 the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3 portable terminal by optically scanning information with  
4 an optical scanner.

1           6.    The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2    the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3    portable terminal with a Bluetooth radio link.

1           7.    The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2    the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3    portable terminal via the Internet.

1           8.    The method of claim 7, wherein at least part of  
2    the coupon information is transferred from the Internet  
3    to the first portable terminal via a wireless link.

1           9.    The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2    the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3    first portable terminal to another terminal via optically  
4    scanning the displayed representation of the transferred  
5    coupon information on the portable terminal.

1           10.   The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2    the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3    first portable terminal to another portable terminal via  
4    a Bluetooth radio link.

1           11.   The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2    the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3    first portable terminal to another terminal via an  
4    infrared link.

1 ~~12. The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of~~  
2 ~~the stored coupon information is transferred from the~~  
3 ~~first portable terminal to another terminal via the~~  
4 ~~Internet.~~

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1 ~~13. The method of 7, wherein at least part of the~~  
2 ~~stored coupon information is transferred from the first~~  
3 ~~portable to another terminal via the Internet via a~~  
4 ~~wireless link.~~

1 ~~14. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of~~  
2 ~~the coupon information is transferred to the first~~  
3 ~~portable terminal by optically scanning information with~~  
4 ~~an optical scanner.~~

1 15. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3 portable terminal with a Bluetooth radio link.

1 ~~16. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of~~  
2 ~~the coupon information is transferred to the first~~  
3 ~~portable terminal via the Internet.~~

1 17. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the coupon information is transferred from the Internet  
3 to the first portable terminal via a wireless link.

1 18. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 the Internet.

1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein at least part  
2 of the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 the Internet via a wireless link.

1 20. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 an infrared link.

1 21. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 a Bluetooth radio link.

1 22. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 optically scanning the displayed representation of the  
5 transferred coupon information on the first portable  
6 terminal.

1           23. The system of claim 3, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises an optical scanner for optically  
3 scanning a representation of said coupon information.

1           24. The system of claim 3, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises a Bluetooth radio link.

1           25. The system of claim 3, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises the Internet.

1           26. The system of claim 25, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit further comprises a wireless link.

1           27. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises an optical scanner for scanning  
3 the representation of said transferred coupon information  
4 on said display of said first portable terminal.

1           28. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises a Bluetooth radio link.

1           29. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises an infrared link.

1           30. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises the Internet.

1           31. The system of claim 30, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit further comprises a wireless link.

1           32. The system of claim 4, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises an optical scanner for optically  
3 scanning a representation of said coupon information.

1           33. The system of claim 4, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises a Bluetooth radio link.

1           34. The system of claim 4, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises the Internet.

1           35. The system of claim 33, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit further comprises a wireless link.

1           36. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises the Internet.

1           37. The system of claim 36, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit further comprises a wireless link.

1           38. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises an infrared link.

1           39. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises a Bluetooth radio link.

1           40. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises an optical scanner for scanning  
3 said representation of said transferred coupon  
4 information on said display of said first portable  
5 terminal.

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1           41. An electronic couponing method comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3           transferring coupon information to a first portable  
4 terminal and storing same therein;  
5           displaying a representation of the transferred  
6 coupon information on the first portable terminal;  
7           transferring at least part of the stored coupon  
8 information from the first portable terminal to another  
9 terminal for redemption; and  
10          transferring at least part of the stored coupon  
11 information from the first portable terminal to a second  
12 portable terminal.

1           42. An electronic couponing system comprising:  
2           a first portable terminal having a memory;  
3           a first transfer unit for transferring coupon  
4 information to said first portable terminal, said first  
5 portable terminal storing same in said memory thereof;



6        a display disposed within said first portable  
7        terminal for displaying a representation of said  
8        transferred coupon information;

9) a second transfer unit for transferring at least  
10 part of said stored coupon information from said first  
11 portable terminal to another terminal for redemption;

12           a second portable terminal; and

13           a third transfer unit for transferring at least part  
14   said stored coupon information from said first portable  
15   terminal to said second portable terminal.

1        43. The method of claim 1, wherein said coupon  
2        information comprises a coupon ID (identification).

1           44. The method of claim 2, wherein said coupon  
2   information comprises a coupon ID (identification).

1        45. The method of claim 41, wherein said coupon  
2        information comprises a coupon ID (identification).

1           46. The system of claim 3, wherein said coupon  
2   information comprises a coupon ID (identification).

1        47. The system of claim 4, wherein said coupon  
2        information comprises a coupon ID (identification).

1 48. The system of claim 42, wherein said coupon  
2 information comprises a coupon ID (identification).

1 49. The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2 the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3 portable terminal via a wireless LAN (Local Area  
4 Network).

1 50. The method of claim 1, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to another terminal via a  
4 wireless LAN (Local Area Network).

1 51. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the coupon information is transferred to the first  
3 portable terminal via a wireless LAN (Local Area  
4 Network).

1 52. The method of claim 2, wherein at least part of  
2 the stored coupon information is transferred from the  
3 first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via  
4 a wireless LAN (Local Area Network).

1 53. The system of claim 3, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises a wireless LAN (Local Area  
3 Network).

1        54. The system of claim 3, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises a wireless LAN (Local Area  
3 Network).

1        55. The system of claim 4, wherein said first  
2 transfer unit comprises a wireless LAN (Local Area  
3 Network).

1        56. The system of claim 4, wherein said second  
2 transfer unit comprises a wireless LAN (Local Area  
3 Network).

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